

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 98-489-C - ORDER NO. 98-927

NOVEMBER 20, 1998

IN RE: Request of FTC Communications, Inc. and)	ORDER GRANTING	✓
FTC Diversified Services, Inc. for Approval)	MOTION AND	
to Transfer FTC Communications' Certificate)	TRANSFER OF	
of Public Convenience and Necessity to)	CERTIFICATE	
Provide Local Exchange Services in those)		
areas currently being served by GTE South,)		
Inc., that are Located within the Outer)		
Boundary of the Local Service Area of)		
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to FTC)		
Diversified Services, Inc.)		
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of FTC Communications, Inc. (FTC) to transfer its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to FTC Diversified Services (Diversified), a sister company. FTC presently holds a certificate to provide Local Exchange Services in those areas currently being served by GTE South, Inc. that are located within the outer boundary of the local service area of Farmers Telephone Coop., Inc.

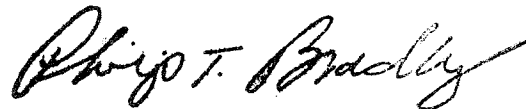
After publication of a Notice of Filing pursuant to instructions of the Executive Director of the Commission, no Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received. FTC now moves for expedited review of its request, and submits in support of its Motion, the verified testimony of Guy Dent Adams, Jr., President of Diversified.

Adams noted that FTC Diversified Services, Inc. was formed for the purpose of providing services to non-members of Farmers Telephone Cooperative outside the barriers of the Cooperative. The Cooperative wishes to distinguish between voting members of the Cooperative and customers of its competitive local exchange service operation. Therefore, a transfer of the Certificate presently held by FTC is in order to Diversified, according to Adams.

We have examined the record with this case, and agree with Adams. In order to separate the voting members of the Cooperative from its competitive local exchange service operation, a transfer of the above-described certificate from FTC to Diversified is certainly in order. We grant the Motion for Expedited Review, and, in addition, the transfer is hereby approved, for the reasons stated above.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)